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## *Bring on the Honey! Honey Festival Sept 26!*

It's that time of year again for the Hawai'i Honey Festival on Big Island! Come join us for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawai'i Natural Honey Challenge and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Honey Festival where you will be able to taste award winning honeys from all over Ha-

wai'i. At the festival, enjoy live music, honey infused food, lots of keiki activities, a cooking contest, vendors (sign up [here](#)), and meet the National Honey Queen! Along with the festival a Gala Dinner will be held on September 23, with

guest speakers, a silent auction, great food, live music, and beekeepers from all over Hawai'i. For more details visit [hawaiiHoneyFestival.com](http://hawaiiHoneyFestival.com) or contact Peggy at 808-965-0000, [peggy@thebeecompany.buzz](mailto:peggy@thebeecompany.buzz)

## *A note from Honey Festival Chair Peggy Beckett*

Aloha Beekeepers,  
We are rapidly approaching the due dates for entries in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaiian Natural Honey Challenge. Entries will be received Monday 8/10 - Friday 8/14/15. This contest is not limited to commercial producers, or home based businesses. It is open to anyone with their own hive, which they harvest and jar honey from. This is a state wide competition, anyone can enter. Blind random numbering will be

assigned when entries are received, and a panel of judges will follow guidelines to choose the winners. Two years ago, I kept one hive and entered the one jar of honey I had, and I won! Best of Show for Liquid Multifloral! Having award-winning honey is a source of pride and also adds value, so take a look at honey you've harvested and enter the competition! For instructions, an entry form and payment form, go [here](#), or

email me at address above. You may bring entries to the [BIBA](#) August monthly meeting, drop them off during that week at the [Locavore Store](#) at Hilo Bayfront, or call to arrange for pickup. Entries can also be mailed. Lauren Rusert is also offering to pick up submissions on Maui and Kauai this month, contact her for details. Lauren.M.Rusert@hawaii.gov Mahalo! Peggy Beckett, HHF Chair

## *Here's the sweet lineup of events!*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hawai'i Honey Festival**

When: Sat, Sept. 26, 10am-4pm  
Where: Nani Mau Garden, 421 Makalika St. Hilo, HI  
Cost: \$5 Adults, Children 12 and Under are Free

### **Honey Gala Dinner**

When: Wed. Sept. 23, 6pm-Pau

Where: Nani Mau Gardens, 421 Makalika St. Hilo, HI  
Cost: \$45, includes honey theme buffet, music, speakers, silent auction.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaiian Natural Honey Challenge**

Get your honeys in soon, the deadline is coming up!

Deadline: August 14, 2015  
Cost: \$10/submission

### **Honey Cooking Contest**

When: At Festival Sat, Sept. 26  
Where: Nani Mau Gardens  
Cost: \$10/entry  
Categories include Entrée, Dessert, Dressings, Sauces, Preserves. Contact Sonia Martinez: [cubanwahine@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cubanwahine@hawaii.rr.com)

## Apiary Projects & Outreach Across the Islands



### Proclamation In Recognition of Pollinator Week



Noelani Waters at the 2015 Hawaii Pollinator Week Event hosted by the Honolulu Zoo in June.



Melvin Dickens, a lifelong kupuna beekeeper on Kauai, passed away this April. He was always happy to share his bees and honey, he will be missed.



**Big Island:** in addition to the Honey Festival events, DOA will be offering a series of [courses](#) at UH Hilo in October. Four sessions include Bee Biology, Bee Health, Products of the Hive and a field day.

**Maui:** DOA will be offering Products of the Hive Aug. 8, register [here](#).

Save the date for a Beekeeping conference Jan 30-31 in Haiku, featuring research talks and beekeeping workshops. Con-

tact: [mauibeeconference@gmail.com](mailto:mauibeeconference@gmail.com)

**Kauai:** DOA will have Apiary staff at the Kauai County Farm Fair Honey tasting, Aug 13.

KCC will work with DOA to develop queen rearing and stock improvement efforts, watch for upcoming training opportunities and locally available queen bees!

Kauai County funds have been made available to sample hives

for pesticide residues, if you would like to have your hives tested contact DOA Apiary Staff, collection visits scheduled in Aug and Sept.

**Molokai:** DOA is working with beekeepers to help develop queen rearing with Molokai beekeepers. Watch for training events soon!

**Oahu:** DOA will be collecting samples for the annual Honey Bee National Survey, if you would like to participate contact us!

## Kauai Beekeeper Feels Sting of Lawsuit

A beekeeper on Kauai was recently ordered to pay for medical costs, court costs and also fence construction for his neighbor who was stung by bees. See article [here](#). Cases like this one are important to all beekeepers. Like it or not, precedents like this affect where and how you keep bees.

Beekeeping rules are set by Counties, usually based on land use. If you want to know the County regulations for beekeeping where you live, there are links on this [page](#).

There are several issues you can address to avoid complaints, the most common sources of complaints include

managing flyways, providing water sources, keeping gentle stock and preventing swarming so bees are not a nuisance. Good communication with neighbors helps too! If a more formal process escalates, usually the bees and beekeepers do not prevail. Contact us if you have questions!

## Hawaii Beekeeper Registry Update— Help Us Help You!

The Hawaii Beekeeper Registry was created in 2011. This is a list of beekeepers who voluntarily submit their contact and apiary information. We use this list to give referrals for swarm calls, hive removals, pollination requests, and to send this newsletter! In the event of a bee emergency, this list would be our way to

find Hawaii's beekeepers. We are in the process of updating the information, and we need your help! If you are in the Registry, you should have gotten an email from us asking for a reply to confirm or update your information. Please reply! And if you are not in the registry, but would like to be, please com-

plete and return this [form](#). Currently the Registry includes 230 beekeepers with over 19,000 colonies! We estimate there are over 400 beekeepers statewide. Contact Noelani Waters to register or update your information:

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